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My Ref:

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Dear Mr Skinner

I refer to the planning application made by the United Synagogue Eruv Committee.

I enclose a copy of a letter we have just sent to the Eruv Committee from which you will note that the Department does not propose to intervene in the planning application. I should, however, draw your attention to the advice we have received from our lawyers that the Department has no power under highways legislation to permit posts to be erected for the purposes of the proposed eruv on land which retains highway status. Therefore, unless, as the above letter says, the Eruv Committee wish to proceed on the basis that overhead wires crossing highways are to be suspended from positions off the highway, they may wish to consider, if planning permission is granted pursuing the proposal via section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the stopping up of those parts of any highway in which it is proposed to erect supporting posts. This route will, of course, need to be pursued via the Council.

I am sending a copy of this letter together with a copy of Mr Mance's letter to Ms McGurrian in your planning department. I am also copying this correspondence to Mr G C Brown, Chief Planner, Development Control and trust that he will accept this as a reply to his letter of 5 January.

Yours sincerely

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